

Circular Letter No. 541.

May 19, 1908.

To Supervising Principals for 1908 - 09:--

I enclose circulars Nos. 542 and 543, and desire to say further that the work done in all Institutes will be along the same general lines. Each will open at 1:30 P. M. on Monday and close at 12:00 M. on Saturday. Evening Lectures will be provided.

Morning and afternoon sessions will be for purely professional work, and will not be open to the general public, since teachers will then feel more free to participate. Each session will open with music and or some of these the local supervising Principal will be expected to provide a recitation or declamation not longer than five minutes.

The first session will open with a brief discussion of the teaching of Spanish. With this exception, all the time of the afternoon sessions will be devoted to a study of "Jean Mitchell's School". This is a charming story of Jean's first year's experience, and has been carefully outlined for professional study by one of the best educators in America.

At the five morning sessions there will be a discussion of the Course of Study.

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Tuesday - Reading: Wednesday - Language: Thursday
- Science: Friday - Mathematics: Saturday - Biography,
History, Civics.

Toward the close of these sessions, time will be taken for a discussion of questions submitted by teachers. Such questions should be sent in to the Commissioner on slips 3" x 5" in size. We want at least fifty definite questions from each of the present nineteen districts. These will be sorted for use on the proper days, and the best will be used by the General Superintendents as time permits. Mail them to this office before June 1.

Yours very truly,

Commissioner of Education.

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